

I am Iva long. I am a proud Oak Hill school employee and valued SEIU1199 delegate.

No matter what: It's not a good idea to cut funding to not for profit providers because current funding is almost sending us back to institutionalization.

Do we really want to do that?

Cutting funding is forcing providers to lower their standards from quality care too just 'care.' Who just wants care?

One very good way to avoid this train wreck is to make agencies more accountable for the way they spend allocated funds. It may be a good idea for agencies to provide lawmakers with their 2-5 year projected capital improvement and consolidation budgets.

That way they will be MANDATED by LAW to provide quality care and livable front line staff wages and benefits with the savings Governor Malloy is proposing though his capital improvement incentives.

It's up to you how all this ends!!

From what I know about Connecticut lawmakers they have always been on the side of providers and workers that make it their mission to provide quality services to the most vulnerable populations. Thank you for your time.

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